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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### 1-85. (Cancelled)

A method for treating Parkinson's disease in a subject, (Previously Presented) 86. comprising:

administering to a subject a therapeutically effective amount of a combination of creatine, a creatine phosphate or a creatine compound and a neuroprotective agent, such that Parkinson's disease in said subject is treated, wherein said neuroprotective agent is selected from the group consisting of inhibitors of glutamate excitotoxicity, 2,3 dimethoxy-5-methyl-6decaprenyl benoquinone, nicotinamide, spin traps, growth factors, nitric oxide synthase inhibitors, cyclooxygenase 2 inhibitors, aspirin, N-acetylcysteine, antioxidants, lipoic acid, riboflavin, and CoO10, wherein said creatine compound has the formula:

$$Z_{1}$$
C=X-A-Y

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein:

- Y is -CO<sub>2</sub>H; a)
- A is selected from the group consisting of: C, CH, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkenyl, C2-C5alkynyl, and C1-C5 alkoyl chain, each having 0-2 substituents which are selected independently from the group consisting of:
- K, where K is selected from the group consisting of: C<sub>1</sub> -C<sub>6</sub> straight alkyl, 1)  $C_2\text{-}C_6 \text{ straight alkenyl}, C_1\text{-}C_6 \text{ straight alkoyl}, C_3\text{-}C_6 \text{ branched alkyl}, C_3\text{-}C_6 \text{ branched alkenyl}, and C_2\text{-}C_6 \text{ branched alkenyl}, C_3\text{-}C_6 \text{ branched alkenyl$ C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> branched alkoyl, K having 0-2 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: bromo, chloro, epoxy and acetoxy;

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2 -NH-M, wherein M is selected from the group consisting of: hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_4$  alkenyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoyl,  $C_3$ - $C_4$  branched alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_4$  branched alkenyl, and  $C_4$  branched alkoyl;

- c) X is  $NR_1$ , wherein  $R_1$  is selected from the group consisting of:
  - 1) hydrogen;
- 2) K where K is selected from the group consisting of: C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> straight alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> straight alkenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> straight alkoyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> branched alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> branched alkenyl, and C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> branched alkoyl, K having 0-2 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: bromo, chloro, epoxy and acetoxy;
- d)  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  are chosen independently from the group consisting of: -NHR<sub>2</sub>, wherein R<sub>2</sub> is selected from the group consisting of:
  - 1) hydrogen;
- 2) K, where K is selected from the group consisting of: C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> straight alkyl; C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> straight alkenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> straight alkoyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> branched alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> branched alkenyl, and C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> branched alkoyl, K having 0-2 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: bromo, chloro, epoxy and acetoxy;
  - a C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> a-amino-carboxylic acid attached via the w-carbon; and
- B, wherein B is selected from the group consisting of: -CO<sub>2</sub>H, -NHOH, -SO<sub>3</sub>H, and -NO<sub>2</sub>, wherein B is optionally connected to the nitrogen via a linker selected from the group consisting of: C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2</sub> alkenyl, and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> alkoyl.

# 87-90. (Cancelled)

91. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 86 or 133, wherein said neuroprotective agent is a spin trap.

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### 92. (Cancelled)

- 93. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 86 or 133, wherein said neuroprotective agent is carnitine.
- 94. (Cancelled)
- 95. The method of claim 86 or 133, wherein said neuroprotective (Currently Amended) agent is an antioxidant.
- 96-97. (Cancelled)
- 98. The method of claim 86 or 133, wherein said neuroprotective (Currently Amended) agent is riboflavin.
- The method of claim 86 or 133, further comprising 99. (Currently Amended) administering at least one additional neuroprotective agent or creatine compound.
- The method of claim 86 or 133, wherein said creatine 100. (Currently Amended) compound is creatine.
- 101-132. (Cancelled)
- A method for treating Parkinson's disease in a subject, 133. (Previously Presented) comprising:

administering to a subject a therapeutically effective amount of a combination of creatine, a creatine phosphate or a creatine compound and a neuroprotective agent, such that Parkinson's disease in said subject is treated, wherein said neuroprotective agent is selected from the group consisting of inhibitors of glutamate excitotoxicity, 2,3 dimethoxy-5-methyl-6-decaprenyl benoquinone, nicotinamide, spin traps, growth factors, nitric oxide synthase inhibitors, cyclooxygenase 2 inhibitors, aspirin, N-acetylcysteine, antioxidants, lipoic acid, riboflavin, and CoO10, wherein said creatine compound is selected from the group consisting of:

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pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

### (Cancelled) 134.

- (New) The method of claim 133, wherein said neuroprotective agent is a spin trap. 135.
- 136. (New) The method of claim 133, wherein said neuroprotective agent is carnitine.
- (New) The method of claim 133, wherein said neuroprotective agent is an antioxidant. 137.
- (New) The method of claim 133, wherein said neuroprotective agent is riboflavin. 138.
- (New) The method of claim 133, further comprising administering at least one additional 139. neuroprotective agent or creatine compound.
- (New) The method of claim 133, wherein said creatine compound is creatine. 140.